

READING TEST

Introduction	The test to assess the test taker's reading skills amongst the four modules of DSTS
Objective	To test the ability and standard in reading Dzongkha by assessing the skills in close reading and skimming in order to grasp the gist, main ideas, details, author's opinions and arguments in the passage
Format	There shall be two passages in the reading test including one analytical writing and one of another genre. The first passage shall be narrative, introductory, descriptive, etc. and the second an analytical writing
Time	50 Minutes
Marks	50

A FORMAT

A.1 Passage

- 1 Each reading test shall have two passages comprising one passage of analytical writing and one of other genres
- 2 Each passage shall have 700 - 1200 words
- 3 Each passage shall have a minimum of 5 paragraphs
- 4 Each paragraph shall have a minimum of 3 sentences

5. If there are generally uncommon terminologies and technical concepts in the passage, they shall be explained
- 6 The passage shall be on the advance level of DSTS

A.2 Question Framework

- 1 The reading test shall have a total of 50 questions
- 2 Each passage shall have 25 questions
- 3 The first passage shall have 5 types of questions: multiple choice, short answer, sentence completion, selection and true or false questions
- 4 The second passage shall have 5 types of questions: matching content with paragraph, matching words and terms, identifying paragraph, sentence completion and summary
- 5 The sequence of questions can be shuffled according to the content of the passage
- 6 Multiple choice question shall have four multiple answers with only one correct answer
- 7 Paragraphs in the passages shall be marked with alphabets

B TIME

- 1 After distributing the question papers for the reading test, instructions on the questions shall be given for not more than 10 minutes

- 2 A total of 50 minutes shall be given for the actual reading test
- 3 The test taker shall allocate the time for the two passages as required from the total of 50 minutes for the reading test

C MARKS

- 1 The reading test shall have a total of 50 marks comprising one mark for each question
- 2 Marks shall not be awarded for wrong spellings, incomplete and unclear answers
- 3 If the answers are not written on the provided answer sheet one should not accept the answer paper

D ANSWER FORMAT

- 1 The answer sheet shall be properly prepared for the test
- 2 Answer sheets shall be distributed 5 minutes before the test
- 3 Test taker shall start writing answers after reading the passage
- 4 Answers shall be written using black pencil
- 5 The test taker shall not be allowed to write anything on the answer sheet , except the alphabet corresponding to the answer, true or false, short answers,etc. according to the answering guideline
- 6 Grammatical errors and incorrect spellings shall be considered as wrong answer, and thus marks shall not be awarded

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- 7 Marks shall not be awarded if more than one answers is written
 - 8 Each paragraph shall have one central idea

E EVALUATION

- 1 Each correct answer shall be awarded one mark
- 2 Answers shall be verified by cross-checking with the answers provided separately
- 3 If the evaluator cannot decide the answer by cross-checking with the answer provided separately, the answer shall be decided by majority of three certified examiners selected by DSTS section

F READING SCORES AND STANDARD

Reading Scores and Standard			
Passage One	Passage Two	Scores	Standard
25	25	50	10
24-24.5	24-24.5	48-49	9
22.5-23.5	22.5-23.5	45-47	8
20.5-22	20.5-22	41-44	7
17-20	17-20	34-40	6
13.5-16.5	13.5-16.5	27-33	5
10-13	10-13	20-26	4
6.5-9.5	6.5-9.5	13-19	3
3-6	3-6	6-12	2
1-2.5	1-2.5	1-5	1

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